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In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2003, please consider the following. A petition to extend the time to respond one month up to and including 17 November 2003, the first business day after 15 November 2003 is being filed concurrently along with a check for the amount of the requisite fee. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include issue fees.

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